

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's Office Action and comments therein in support of the outstanding rejections (mailed May 26, 2005). Several additional allowable claims have been added by this amendment. Embodiments of the invention make it possible to control multi-zoned paging systems at any selected location via one or more computer networks. Such paging systems incorporate control circuitry wherein selected zones can be identified and activated for purposes of coupling audio or video output from a source into the zone. Disclosed embodiments of the invention provide monitoring circuitry at the various paging systems and for feedback to the source of condition indicating, or trouble, information which can be utilized by an operator at the source.

As described below, the rejections of claims 10, 11, 14-17, 19 and 22-24 as anticipated by Troen-Krasnow et al., U.S. Patent 6,442,250 are defective and should be withdrawn.

A proper anticipation rejection requires that:

"Each and every element as set forth in the claim is found either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference...the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the...claim" (MPEP 8th ed, Rev 2, May 2004)

Unlike the rejected claims noted above, the disclosure and system of the '250 patent is not directed to control and audio output via "a local paging audio system" (claims 10-19), nor, "a plurality of spaced apart paging interfaces" (claims 20-24).

The disclosure of the '250 patent is directed to a much different type of communication system than claimed. For example, Figure 1 thereof discloses a singular voice output device 170, a message device 175, a printed text output device 180 as well as a data device 160. Even if an increased number of these devices were illustrated they would not correspond to the claimed structure noted above. Hence, for at least the above reasons it is requested that the anticipation rejections of claims 10, 11, 14-17, 19 and 21-24 be withdrawn.

Claims 12, 13 and 18 all of which depend directly or indirectly from claim 10 are also allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above. The obviousness rejections of claims 12, 13 are defective in view of the fact that Kim et al., published application 200/0170159, fails to

address the above noted deficiencies of the '250 patent. Additionally, the Examiner has not pointed to any suggestion, teaching or motivation in either the disclosure of the '250 patent or of Kim et al. which would cause one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the disclosure of the '250 patent (thereby addressing the above noted deficiencies) so as to make either of claim 12 or 13 obvious. The only such motivation comes from the present application and represents a form of improper hindsight reconstruction.

Similar comments apply to the obviousness rejection of claim 18. Claim 18, which depends from claim 10 has not been rendered obvious by the Examiner's combination of the disclosure of the '250 patent read in view of Sachdev in that neither of those documents provides a motivation, suggestion or teaching to modify the disclosure of the '250 patent, to address the above noted deficiencies therein, so as to make claim 18 obvious. For at least the above reasons it is requested that the rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn.

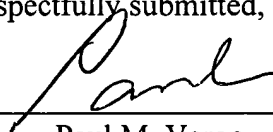
Unlike the structures of pending claims 1-9 neither the system of the '250 patent, Kim et al. nor Sachdev address providing a status indicating feedback as claimed. Hence, for at least the above reasons claims 1-9 are also allowable. Claims 2-9 add additional structure which in combination is not suggested, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art documents alone or in combination.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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